

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA,
HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015

The Honorable Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, met in regular session on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 6 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, there being present:

President:	Russell
Councilpersons:	Robinson, Showers, Culver, Kling
City Administrator:	Hamilton
City Attorney:	Joffrion
City Clerk-Treasurer:	Hagood

President Russell called the meeting to order.

Pastor T.C. Johnson led the invocation; President Russell led the pledge of allegiance.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council on May 28, 2015, were approved as submitted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was the presentation of the STAR 99.1/CAFY Young Citizen of the Month.

President Russell recognized Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton stated that it was his privilege to represent Mayor Battle, who was out of town, at this time.

Mr. Hamilton asked Mr. Kenny Anderson and his group to come forward for the presentation.

Mr. Anderson asked the representative for the CAFY Young Citizen of the Month to come forward also.

Mr. Anderson stated that each month they had the privilege of recognizing a young person who had done something outstanding in the community. He continued that this exemplary example had been something of which they were all very proud.

Mr. Anderson stated that this month there was another wonderful winner. He stated that the young citizen for the month of June was Moesha Moncrieffe, an 11th grade student at Butler High School. He stated that Moesha was unable to be in attendance at this meeting because she had had the opportunity to go to Jamaica. He stated that her nominator, Edwin Lightbourne, from the Boys & Girls Club, was present to accept on her behalf.

Mr. Anderson stated that Moesha was a Boys & Girls Club Keystone President, a member of the Junior ROTC, and a Butler High School Ambassador. He continued that Moesha looked after her young sister, helping her with her homework and dinner preparations, while her mom, a nurse, worked at night. He stated that Moesha was very dedicated to this community, that she worked with the Teen Center, the Boys & Girls Club, and that she was also recognized as the 2015 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Anderson stated that the winner of the STAR 99.1/CAFY Young Citizen of the Month was Moesha Moncrieffe, and that Mr. Lightbourne was accepting this honor on her behalf.

Mr. Lightbourne stated that on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club and the approximately 1,000 children they served every day, and, of course, Moesha, he was happy and honored to receive this on her behalf. He continued that he could say for Moesha that she was honored, and that she had been surprised by this honor, because she felt this was something everyone should be doing.

Ms. Clarene Teague-Johnson of the Human Relations Commission made a presentation to Mr. Lightbourne for Moesha.

Dr. Harry Hobbs of Huntsville Utilities made several presentations to Mr. Lightbourne for Moesha, stating that this was made on behalf of Huntsville Utilities and its President, Mr. Jay Stowe, noting that they cared about young people and their success.

Lt. Jeff Rice stated that on behalf of the Huntsville Police Department and Chief Lewis Morris, he wanted to thank Moesha for being the Young Citizen of the Month and a leader in the community. He stated that they appreciated her for the things she had done and wished her continued success in the future.

Mr. Anderson urged persons to make nominations for the Young Citizen of the Month, stating that these could be sent to mystar99.com.

Councilman Kling read and introduced a resolution honoring Barbara Little for outstanding work in bridging the gap between the English and Hispanic communities in the Whitesburg School

area, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-396)

Councilman Kling moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Kling read and introduced a resolution honoring Sonia Bonet Valentin for outstanding work in bridging the gap between the English and Hispanic communities in the Whitesburg School area, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-397)

Councilman Kling moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling asked Councilwoman Robinson to join him on the podium.

Councilman Kling stated that the communities involved in Whitesburg School included District 3 and District 4, his district.

Councilman Kling asked Ms. Barbara Little and Ms. Sonia Bonet Valentin to come forward.

Councilman Kling present a copy of the resolution honoring Ms. Little to her, stating that the Council wanted to recognize her work in bridging the gap between the English and Hispanic communities and thank her for it.

Ms. Little expressed appreciation for the recognition.

She continued that this was a team effort. She stated that she would like to send kudos to Mr. McAdams, who had been very instrumental in getting this going. She stated that they were certainly looking forward to working with the Hispanic community in the future, noting that they had had several assemblies and that the parent turnout had been fantastic.

Councilwoman Robinson presented a copy of the resolution honoring Ms. Valentin to her, expressing appreciation for her work in this area. She stated that persons might not be aware of how fast the Hispanic population at Whitesburg was growing, noting that there was an entire community outreach effort at work to make sure that these children had a very successful school experience. She stated that the directory they had put together was part of this and that she hoped this was the first of many great efforts to welcome the Hispanic community and to make sure that every child had the opportunity to succeed. She stated that these persons were creating a model at Whitesburg for the rest of the community and thanked them for this.

Ms. Valentin expressed appreciation for the recognition, stating that she was very honored by it. She stated that they wanted to do everything they could to create a better community, and that she was honored to help with it.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution honoring the life and work of Howard J. Foster, who is credited with establishing the Physics Department at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University 50 years ago, as

follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-398)

Councilman Showers moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Showers stated that he would be presenting the above resolution, on behalf of the Mayor and the Council.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution congratulating Pearlie M. Stamper on her retirement from the City of Huntsville after 32 years of dedicated service, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-399)

Councilman Showers moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Showers stated that he would be presenting the resolution to Ms. Stamper on June 21, on behalf of the Council and the Mayor.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution congratulating Harold V. Jones on his retirement from Federal service after 30 years of dedicated service, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-400)

Councilman Showers moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Culver and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Showers stated that he would be presenting this

resolution, on behalf of the Mayor and the Council.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution acknowledging the 4th Adams Family Reunion, to be held July 2-July 5, 2015, in Durham, North Carolina, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-401)

Councilman Showers moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was a presentation by the Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Council. He recognized Mr. David Little.

Mr. Little appeared before the Council, stating that it was his privilege at this time to have the opportunity to represent the Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Council. He continued that they had nine members, a very diverse group of persons from all corners of the community. He stated that he would like to introduce the members who were present. He introduced Ruben Flores, stating that he was the Secretary of the Council and had been appointed by Chief Morris; Willie Love, appointed by Mayor Battle; and Vickie Guerrieri, appointed by the late Councilwoman Sandra Moon.

Mr. Little stated that he was Chairman of the Council, and that he had been appointed by President Russell.

Mr. Little stated that the other members of the Council were James Bailey, the Vice Chair, appointed by Councilman Culver; Pastor Wayne Snodgrass, appointed by

Chief Hudson; Pastor Willie Hinton, appointed by Councilman Showers; John Reitzell, appointed by Chief Hudson; and Pam Cobb, appointed by Councilman Kling.

Mr. Little stated that he was present on this date because the ordinance establishing this Advisory Council had been adopted five years prior. He stated that he believed persons should consider what all was happening in the world at this time, and in this country, and think of the forethought of this community to have established the Citizens Advisory Council for the Police Department.

Mr. Little stated that he would not read the document in its entirety, but that he would like to make a few key points about the purpose of the Council. He stated that these were as follows: To promote productive police and community interaction by assisting the Police in achieving a greater understanding of the nature and causes of conflicts and community problems. He stated that the CAC advocated the principle that the administration of justice required total community involvement and personal responsibility. He stated that they recommended procedures, programs, or legislation to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Police Department. He continued that this was also in cooperation with citizens in the community. He stated that they worked to keep the Chief and the Department apprised of any actions they might take or policies they might change, providing a citizen's perspective on how this could affect the community. He

continued that he felt the most important thing was to strengthen the bonds between the Police Department and the community, thereby assuring equal protection and service for all citizens.

Mr. Little stated that the Council had met with the Department regularly for approximately six months and had learned as much as they could about the department right after the creation of the Council, and that then they had begun holding meetings with the community. He stated that it was important to understand that this Council acted in an advisory capacity, noting that they were not a review board and also not the complaint department for the Police Department. He stated that they were there to facilitate conversation between the community and the Department. He stated that in some instances, persons had not wanted to go directly to the Police Department with a complaint, and that members of this Council were glad to go with them for this purpose if they did not feel safe in going there, or comfortable.

Mr. Little stated that the Council had regular contact with the Police Department, with the Chief and the Internal Affairs liaisons, and that they had gained their trust, noting that this was very important.

Mr. Little stated that they had worked in a few areas initially to help with diversity in recruiting, that they had helped with the formation of the Citizens Police Academy, as well as the Senior Citizen Police Academy, and that they had

also helped with the Special Events ordinance, which had been rewritten a few years prior. He continued that they had also offered input on the Entertainment Districts. He stated that they had also helped with the wrecker service fee issue that had been prominent a few years prior, noting that this was something they had really worked on to make fair to the entire community, so that when the contracted wrecker service was not available, the services that did get called could charge only the same price as the contracted price.

Mr. Little stated that the big thing they were really proud of at this time was that in January of 2014, they had been invited to attend the first Incident Review Board, noting that this was something that signified the trust the Department had in them, and that, also, it brought in a few outsiders, so to speak, citizens to observe the Incident Review Board. He continued that normally these were review boards after an officer had been involved in a shooting. He stated that he could say that these were very serious undertakings, that they were very methodical and deliberate, and were transparent, and very thorough. He stated that he had actually attended one earlier in the day. He continued that there were attorneys there, the District Attorney, and the investigators, and that they had gotten to see all the evidence.

Mr. Little stated that oftentimes shootings might be deemed to be in policy, but they opened up the possibility of amending policies or changing policies or new training. He

continued that he felt it was important that the community knew the Police Department took these matters very seriously.

Mr. Little stated that another issue they were working on, hand in hand with the Department, was that of body cameras, trying to offer the citizens' perspective on how that would affect police work. He stated that they believed this was something that was coming, and that they certainly supported it. He stated that at this time the Police Department was investigating the right methods to go about getting body cameras.

Mr. Little stated that one challenge they had was letting the community be aware that they existed. He stated that when they were first organized, they had had quarterly public meetings, but noted that they were usually very poorly attended. He continued that they met in every City Council district. He stated that during the current year, they had lowered the number of meetings to two public meetings, but they were making an effort to be more active in their local neighborhoods and local communities and through their own networks, to either make presentations or meet with groups, to let persons know that they were in the community and what they were there for.

Mr. Little stated that he would be happy to answer any questions any Council member might have.

President Russell thanked Mr. Little for his presentation, noting that their work was certainly appreciated.

President Russell asked if any of the Council members had any comments or questions concerning the Advisory Council.

Councilman Showers stated he had noticed that Mr. Little had stated that the Council was interested in the Administration's effort to provide body cameras for the officers and stated that he was certainly delighted to hear that this group was in support of doing that. He continued that he really appreciated knowing that the Advisory Council was sincere and sensitive to the officers having body cameras.

President Russell asked if there were any other comments or questions concerning the Advisory Council.

There was no response.

President Russell stated to Mr. Little that the Council certainly appreciated the presentation and wanted to thank him for his service, as well as the service of the other members. He stated they hoped that by Mr. Little's presentation at this time, the public would know they existed, and that there would be better interaction with the community and the Police Force.

Mr. Little stated that he appreciated the opportunity to make the presentation.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Public Hearings to be Held.

President Russell stated that it was the time and place in the meeting for a public hearing on a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to assess the cost of the cutting and removing of grass and weeds against certain properties.

President Russell recognized Mr. Ken Benion, Manager of Community Development.

Mr. Benion stated that the subject resolution identified 20 properties that were in violation of the City's grass and weed ordinance. He continued that the properties were identified on Attachment A by the owner and location. He stated that the owners had received written notification, by regular mail, that they were in violation of the ordinance, and they had been given 14 days to correct the violation. He stated that all owners had failed to respond, and that Community Development had issued work orders to cut these properties, at a total cost of \$4,690.76, and an average cost of \$234.54. He stated that Attachment A also identified the date and cost for cutting these properties.

Mr. Benion stated that the owners had received a written request, by regular mail, for payment, and that they had failed to respond. He continued that he was requesting that property assessments be placed on these properties in order to collect these costs.

Mr. Benion stated that the owners had been notified of this proposed action and might wish to speak at this time.

President Russell asked if there were any persons in the audience who would like to address the Council on this particular issue.

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the public hearing was

closed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to assess the cost of the cutting and removing of grass and weeds against certain properties, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-402)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion of this resolution.

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that it was the time and place in the meeting for a public hearing on a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to assess the cost of boarding and securing against certain property.

President Russell recognized Mr. Benion.

Mr. Benion stated that the property identified in this resolution had been declared unsafe by Community Development, and that the owner had been given 30 days, in accordance with the unsafe building ordinance, to obtain permits and commence work on correcting the noted violations. He stated that since the property was standing open and accessible, Community Development staff had boarded and secured the

property. He stated that Attachment A identified the owner and the dates that Community Development had taken action, and the cost for boarding and securing the property. He stated that the total cost was \$240.86. He stated that the owner had received written request for payment and had failed to respond. He continued that he was requesting that an assessment be placed on this property to collect this cost.

Mr. Benion stated that the owner had been notified of this proposed action.

President Russell asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to address the Council on this particular issue.

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the public hearing was closed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to assess the cost of boarding and securing against certain property, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-403)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion of this resolution.

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on the above

resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that it was the time and place in the meeting for a public hearing regarding a Private Subdivision, Silo Hill Phase 1 at McMullen Cove, and a Resubdivision of Common Area, McMullen Place Phase II at McMullen Cove.

President Russell recognized Mr. Jim McGuffey, Manager of Planning Services.

Mr. McGuffey stated that this was for a new phase for an existing subdivision, Silo Hill in McMullin Cove, noting that this was a 22-lot residential subdivision. He stated that the zoning ordinance required that the Council approve this subdivision since it was private. He continued that all utilities and infrastructure met or exceeded City specifications.

President Russell asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to address the Council on this particular issue.

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the public hearing was closed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution regarding a Private Subdivision, Silo Hill Phase 1 at McMullen Cove, and a Resubdivision of Common Area, McMullen Place Phase II at McMullen Cove, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-404)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion of this matter.

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Public Hearings to be Set.

Councilman Kling read and introduced a resolution to set a public hearing on an ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance, Article 3, Definitions, amending Article 23, General Business C-3 District Regulations, Section 23.1, Uses Permitted: Article 24, Highway Business C-4 District Regulations, Section 24.1, Uses Permitted; Article 25, Commercial Recreation C-5 District Regulations, Section 25.1, Uses Permitted; Article 40, Light District Regulations, Sections 40.1, Uses Permitted; Article 44, Commercial Industrial Park District Regulations, Section 44.1, Uses Permitted; Article 60, Medical District Regulations, Section 60.1, Uses Permitted; Article 64, Airport Commercial District Regulations, Sections 64.1, Uses Permitted; Article 66, Medical 2 District Regulations, Section 66.1, Uses Permitted; and Article 92, Board of Adjustment, Section 92.5.3, Permitted Uses As Special Exceptions, to add regulations concerning farmers markets, at the July 23, 2015, Regular

Council Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-405)

Councilman Kling moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by President Russell and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Kling read and introduced Ordinance No. 15-406, amending Zoning Ordinance, Article 3, Definitions, amending Article 23, General Business C-3 District Regulations, Section 23.1, Uses Permitted; Article 24, Highway Business C-4 District Regulations, Section 24.1, Uses Permitted; Article 25, Commercial Recreation C-5 District Regulations, Section 25.1, Uses Permitted; Article 40, Light District Regulations, Sections 40.1, Uses Permitted; Article 44, Commercial Industrial Park District Regulations, Section 44.1, Uses Permitted; Article 60, Medical District Regulations, Section 60.1, Uses Permitted; Article 64, Airport Commercial District Regulations, Sections 64.1, Uses Permitted; Article 66, Medical 2 District Regulations, Section 66.1, Uses Permitted; and amending Article 92, Board of Adjustment, Section 92.5.3, Permitted Uses As Special Exceptions, to add regulations concerning farmers markets.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that he was aware they were just setting the hearing but asked if someone from Planning could give a brief description of exactly what was being proposed.

President Russell asked Mr. McGuffey to provide this

information.

Mr. McGuffey stated that this was concerning farmers markets within the city limits. He stated that most of the farmers markets were located in residential districts, and that those farmers markets would be required to get special exceptions yearly, and that the other districts would permit farmers markets by right. He stated that this was adding farmers markets to the zoning ordinance.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution to set a Public Hearing on an ordinance rezoning property lying on the west side of South Shawdee Road and on the north and south sides of South Village Square Road from Residence 2-A District to Residence 1 District, at the July 23, 2015, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-407)

Councilwoman Robinson moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced Ordinance No. 15-408, rezoning property lying on the west side of South Shawdee Road and on the north and south sides of South Village Square Road from Residence 2-A District to Residence 1 District.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Communications from the Public. He stated that when a person's name was called, that person should go to one of the

three microphones and would have three minutes to address the Council.

Mr. Richard E. Best, 1706 Ward Avenue, appeared before the Council, stating that he lived in President Russell's district. He stated that he had seen what was going around about fiber optics in the city. He continued that he had not been able to talk to Southern Light at all about what their plans were in this regard. He stated that it was his intent to go a little bit further with this so that everyone would know what the cost of this was going to be. He stated that he had some questions specifically for Mr. Diamond, if he was present.

President Russell stated to Mr. Best that he should address his comments to him.

Mr. Best stated that he had looked over what Southern Light had proposed, talking about further action, but he had not seen what further action they were planning.

Mr. Best stated that he was a civil engineer, that he had been in the city for 30 years and had come primarily for work concerning TVA.

Mr. Best stated that what he wanted to talk about was what the new company in town was planning on doing and when they were starting. He stated that at this time there were places where this could be worked with. He stated that he would like to have a close check on the cost so that the public would know what the cost was in putting in different items.

Mr. Best stated that there was a beautiful plant on

Church Street that would be open in the next couple of years, and it would have a place where businesses could flourish. He stated that persons needed to know where this fiber optics was coming from. He inquired as to why this company was neglecting to inform people where they were putting these things.

Mr. Best stated that he would stop his comments at this time and come back before the Council later in the meeting.

Dr. Clarence Johnson, 3302 Buttrey Drive, appeared before the Council, stating that he was rising to speak about community relations. He stated that he was thankful that Mr. Hamilton, the City Administrator, was in on the investigation of the proper and economical institution of body cameras because these were needed.

Dr. Johnson stated that he would encourage the Council and the Mayor, and all persons involved, to expedite as much as possible the body cameras. He stated that one thing that was a reality in life was that perception was reality in the eyes of the perceiver.

Dr. Johnson stated that there were some great police officers in the city. He continued that when these officers went out to perform their duties, at times the course of their duties were misinterpreted by community members when transparency was not the order of the day.

Dr. Johnson stated that there was the case of Anthony Briggs who had a knife and was shot, and that Mr. Briggs was killed, having been shot several times. He

stated that there was no explanation as to why a man with a knife descending a stairwell, or what have you, would be shot so many times. He stated that things such as this cast a shadow over the police and law enforcement. He stated that these things could be diminished, that the perspective could be diminished, with the facts that would be proven by body cameras.

Dr. Johnson stated that with everything that was going on across America, the African American community was certainly looking at the difference between black citizens and white citizens when dealing with law enforcement.

Dr. Johnson stated that there was the case of Lisa Skinner, who had a shotgun, a much more deadly weapon, and was shot in the hip. He stated that he applauded the officer involved for sound judgment in allowing that person to continue to live.

Dr. Johnson stated that persons such as himself were catching it all across the country, whether or not they were criminal. He stated that this was becoming an issue of distrust and creating an atmosphere of unfairness.

Dr. Johnson asked the Council to expedite the body cameras as much as they could.

Dr. Johnson stated that he was aware that if anyone came after him, he had the right of self defense. He continued that, however, the self defense rule said that one met force with adequate force. He stated that he would like to see the

officers wounding persons sometimes, as opposed to killing them, or shooting fatal shots. He continued that he did not know when such circumstances would arise, but that there should be training.

Dr. Johnson stated that he would like to thank Mr. Kenny Anderson who had taken the time to show him what the sensitivity training was at the Academy. He stated that this should not be just in the Academy, but that every two or three years, as communities were evolving and developing, and certain things were transpiring, perhaps law enforcement sensitivity training for all officers would be the way to go.

Mr. Ramon Santiago, 107 Back Creek Circle, Madison, Alabama, appeared before the Council, stating that he was Chairperson of the Hispanic/Latino Advisory Council, sometimes known as HLAC, to the City of Huntsville. He stated that the Council was focused on four priority service areas, being education, law enforcement, economic development, and civic engagement. He continued that there was a task force for each one of these areas and that each task force had a leader.

Mr. Santiago stated that during the past 12 months, the Advisory Council had accomplished some things, and they wanted to make the Council aware that they were continuing to build better communities.

Mr. Santiago stated that they had a structure the Advisory Council had established, with every other month meetings. He continued that they had changed the meeting time

from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Santiago stated, concerning education, that they had provided interpreters and translators to assist Hispanic parents during the enrollment process.

Mr. Santiago stated, concerning law enforcement, that one of their members had been appointed to the Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Council.

Mr. Santiago stated that they also had classes in survival Spanish, noting that these were classes administered to Huntsville police officers to help them reach a better understanding of the Hispanic communities.

Mr. Santiago stated, concerning economic development, that they had founded the Hispanic Business Alliance of North Alabama to promote, develop, and support the Hispanic business community as they integrated themselves into the regional economy.

Mr. Santiago stated, concerning civic engagement, that they had served as a liaison between Hispanic families and government agencies as those bodies communicated with each other.

Mr. Santiago stated that he had not been aware that Sonia Bonet was being recognized at this Council meeting and noted that she was one of the Advisory Council members, and that she had translated documents from English to Spanish, in cooperation with a sister civic organization.

Mr. Santiago stated that the focus of the Hispanic/Latino

Advisory Council was to serve the Hispanic communities and to facilitate the communication process between them and the rest of society.

Mr. Tim Edwards, 27074 Denbo Circle, Harvest, appeared before the Council, stating that he was coming before them with a matter of great importance, he believed. He stated that around midnight on 4 or 5 June, 2015, his son had been pulled over by the Huntsville Police. He continued that his son had been told at that time that he had violated the City's noise ordinance, and he was placed under arrest for violating this ordinance, noting that the arrest record so indicated.

Mr. Edwards stated that at that time his son had been driving his wife's 2008 Toyota Camry "granny" car, with a stock sound system. He stated that the arresting officer, according to his son, had told him that he could write him a ticket, but that he was just going to arrest him.

Mr. Edwards stated that his son, Ramez Martin, was a 25-year-old African American male who was sitting in the audience along with his biological son. He stated that they had never made that distinction in their family.

Mr. Edwards inquired as to why his son had been arrested for a noise violation when a citation would have sufficed. He asked if it was worth \$500 of his money to throw this young man into a criminal justice system where he did not belong. He continued that this was complete with fingerprints, an orange jumpsuit, and a mug shot. He stated that his son had never

been there before. He asked how he would unteach that lesson. He stated that three persons were taken out of work on Friday, June 5, himself, his wife, and their son Ramez.

Mr. Edwards stated that at 0200 in the morning on June 5, he and his wife had been driving from East Limestone County to the jail center. He stated that the only things open at 2 o'clock in the morning were bars, and that the only people on the road were mostly drunks, and that he had been afraid.

Mr. Edwards stated that on at least four occasions during this ordeal, he and his wife were told by Huntsville police officers, at different times and at different places, from the jail complex all the way up to Internal Affairs, these words: "Your son broke the ordinance. It is no different than beating your wife." He continued that they were told this at least four times, in almost the same words. He stated that he certainly hoped this was not a mantra, that the police officers were not trained and indoctrinated to make such judgments. He stated that he certainly believed the physical abuse of another human being was far more serious than violating the tender ears of a police officer.

Mr. Edwards stated the question was what he wanted. He stated that he wanted a return to accountability, decency, respect, and dignity, that he wanted his son out of the criminal system, and that he wanted him and all the other young men he had raised, whether biologically or otherwise, not to feel abuse from a trusted authority. He stated that "To

protect and to serve" should mean one thing.

Mr. Edwards thanked the Council members.

Ms. Felicia Dangerfield, 1021 Parklane, appeared before the Council, stating that she would like to follow up on the prior speaker. She stated that the reason for these problems was that all Internal Affairs did was send persons generated letters that said the employee acted properly. She stated that she had been trying to meet with Mayor Battle because the police were at her house almost every day. She continued that she had had them pull their guns on her.

Ms. Dangerfield stated that on the prior evening, one had come to her house. She continued that she taped almost everything, that she had a tape recorder that followed her everywhere. She stated that a woman had explained to her that the policeman was tired, and that she had replied that he should have called in and told them he needed to go home because if he could not come to her house and do the job he was supposed to do, there was something wrong.

Ms. Dangerfield stated that this was something that occurred every day and that she had been trying to meet with the Chief of Police concerning this. She stated that an incident had been going on at her house for almost a year, and the police were there almost every day. She continued that they would not arrest this other woman, but they wanted to come to her house and talk stuff to her.

Ms. Dangerfield stated that the Chief had had some of her

messages, that she had sent him messages saying not to send anyone else to her house that was going to come there and talk to her like they had been talking to her and treating her in that manner. She stated that she had always treated them with respect, and that that was what she was going to get.

Ms. Dangerfield stated that she had had five or six Internal Affairs investigations, and that all she had gotten was that the employee acted properly. She stated that she could guarantee them that if they pulled all the tapes, that if they did not arrest him, they needed to stop arresting everybody. She stated that they had treated her like a dog. She continued that she had gone there recently in an attempt to start a Community Watch in her neighborhood, and that she had been told she had to go somewhere else and that she was talked to like a dog. She stated that she had this on tape, with her brother.

Ms. Dangerfield stated that she had also told them that she was not the woman across the street, noting that this was the woman she had been having all the problems with. She stated that this was not how you talked to people about a person who came to your house to provoke you into doing something. She stated that she gotten knocked on the side of the head, and she couldn't get a warrant, because the only thing the person at the City had written was that they were involved with the same man. She stated that Mayor Battle had gotten a copy of this and had never responded to her. She

stated that she had told them that this needed to be changed. She continued that later she had been called back to the police station, and the report was rewritten.

Ms. Dangerfield stated that persons should stand up and fight while they were living, because if they did not, they were going to fight when they were dead. She continued that the Huntsville Police were off the chain, and that it was because of the Mayor and the Chief of Police. She stated that he would not come out of his office, that he would not talk to her. She stated that she had a letter dated November the 14th, and had not received any response to it. She read from the letter as follows: "I, Felicia Dangerfield, would like to arrange to meet with the Chief of Police Morris concerning issues with the Huntsville Police Department's Internal Affairs."

Ms. Dangerfield stated that all they did was give persons a generated letter.

Ms. Dangerfield asked what cameras were going to do, noting that they had enough at this time to show what was going on with the police, but they did not care.

Ms. Aisha Fields, 2205 Norris Road, appeared before the Council, stating that she was also appearing before the Council to address the question of police behavior in the black community. She stated that she believed they had heard from several citizens previously in the meeting who had described incidents that anyone who was a lover of justice could see that

there was a problem in the city. She continued that she did not believe they could act like Huntsville, Alabama, was not a part of the United States. She stated that the problems that were being seen all over the country existed in Huntsville, Alabama. She stated that, for one thing, the police treated the black community as if they were outsiders. She continued that black citizens were talked to disrespectfully, and things that could be handled simply were taken to a higher level. She continued that an example of this was the young man being arrested that his father had talked about earlier in the meeting. She stated that this was something that happened every day, right here in the city, and that she did not believe they could continue to ignore this.

Ms. Fields stated that while she did support the effort for body cameras, she believed they had to take it a step further. She stated that she believed what they needed to call for was black community control of the police. She continued that the community should have the right to hire the police officers, determine how they were trained, and determine when they should be fired or how they should be disciplined. She stated that then they would have the ability to be able to determine how the police functioned in the community.

Ms. Fields stated that persons had seen all kinds of videos of black persons being killed by the police, and that nothing would happen. She stated that she believed if they wanted to head this off, they had to take it a step further,

even in the county, that they had to be able to say that the community had the ability to determine how the armed forces in the community treated them, who they were, how they were trained, when they were disciplined, and if they got fired.

Ms. Fields stated that the call was black community control of the police.

Ms. Jackie Reed, Bob Wallace Avenue, appeared before the Council, stating that she wanted to ask where Mayor Battle was at this time. She stated that if he was on vacation, he deserved one, and that was good enough for her.

Ms. Reed stated that she had just wanted to tell Mayor Battle that she did not wear her snakeskin coat for this meeting, that she wanted to tell him she had left it at home, and stated that she wanted to tell all of them that she hoped they got the message at the prior meeting concerning the deal making that was going on in the City.

Ms. Reed stated that she had to comment on what she had heard previously in the meeting. She stated to Mr. Hamilton that they needed to have some meetings, that they needed to meet with the police officers. She continued that they had to have a little more education going on in the Police Department. She stated that she guessed she had heard too much. She stated that they did not want anything going on to uproot the city.

Ms. Reed stated that everyone had heard enough. She continued that they needed to talk to the police officers, to check out their personalities and find out who was hot-tempered

and who was not, and why they were doing this, that, and the other. She stated that they needed education for the police officers.

Ms. Reed stated that she loved all the police officers, and that she would not mess with them. She stated that they wore the uniform and a badge. She continued that they needed to educate the public also. She reiterated that they also needed to educate the officers, and suggested that they have two people riding together, and that someone should ride with some of the young people.

Ms. Reed stated that she was sorry that Ms. Pearlie Stamper had left the City Council. She stated that if they needed some help in the Council office, she would be glad to help them.

Ms. Reed stated that she was concerned about the closing of Butler High School. She stated that Mayor Battle, Superintendent Wardynski, and all of the Council members should have helped her stop the closing of the school. She stated that it was a sin and a shame to shut down a school with 500 students. She continued that it was also a sin and a shame to shut down the Aquatic Center and the Scruggs Center. She stated that she certainly hoped they would change their mind about the deal they had made on that.

Ms. Reed stated that she had never seen as many scholarships as Butler had earned and that she had never seen so much going on. She stated that the closing should have been

blocked. She continued that she might try to block it.

Ms. Reed stated that they should get the road work done on Bob Wallace, noting that she was aware they were building a four-lane. She stated that they were not working on it, and that she was tired of driving through there and seeing all that mess. She continued that that was not the location for a Whole Foods in the first place. She stated that downtown they had the roads blocked for the new condos.

Ms. Reed stated that they were causing a hardship with all the new development in the downtown area. She stated that she could not figure out what was going on, and that she had been in the city since 1958. She asked them not to destroy the city with all the so-called new development. She stated that the citizens were looking at the Council, the Mayor, and the School Board for leadership.

Pastor T.C. Johnson, 1800 Sparkman Drive, appeared before the Council, stating that the North Huntsville Community United For Action and the Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship had scheduled a press conference to ask the citizens of Huntsville to assist them as they continued to petition the Mayor, the City Council, and the Administrators to place the highest priority to acquiring body cameras and require that all the officers wear them while on duty.

Pastor Johnson stated that the citizens understood that the logistics and the development of an applicable ordinance and policies might present unique challenges toward this

endeavor. He continued that, however, body cameras were being properly and effectively used by less technically adept cities than Huntsville and by those with less resources and capabilities.

Pastor Johnson stated that Huntsville boasted to be the city of engineers, and rightly so. He continued that it was also the brain child of startups that had progressed to have global effects.

Pastor Johnson stated that their concern for protecting the reputation of the city, the welfare of the citizens, and the integrity of the police officers should not be compromised by being apathetic toward certain residents of the city.

Pastor Johnson stated that within the prior few weeks, there had been at least three cases involving police use of force, and that there were questions surrounding each case from the citizenry relative to the issue of whether the use of force was excessive. He stated that in one case, an alleged mentally challenged person, wielding a knife, was fired upon, and killed as a result. He stated that the question did not have to do with the person's criminal act, but should he have to be killed. He stated that a question was if the officers were really in that much danger.

Pastor Johnson stated that body cameras would not only answer those questions, but they could provide irrefutable details of the incident.

Pastor Johnson stated that a second case concerned a woman

whose estranged husband had forcibly entered her home, threatening her and her mother. He stated that she had shot the intruder, in self defense, and that she was later shot by the officers who had been summoned to protect her. He continued that the officers had alleged that they asked her to drop the weapon, and that, instead, she had turned, pointing it at the officer, who had fired at her, wounding her in the hip.

Pastor Johnson stated that even though body cameras would bring much clarity to situations such as the ones he had mentioned and alleviate the appearance of wrongdoing, cameras could never explain to the black community why a white person with a gun, a more lethal weapon, was merely injured to deter her, while the black person, with an apparent mental limitation and a knife, was stopped by the use of deadly force.

Pastor Johnson stated that the most recent case of concern was when officers were attempting to apprehend a suspect, and that this had resulted in the death of the suspect, while he was being arrested by Huntsville police officers. He stated that it had been alleged that the suspect threw hot coals at the officers. He stated that according to the depiction of witnesses, the man's limp body was dragged from the back yard of his home, after which resuscitation was attempted by the police. He stated that eyewitnesses reported that 8 to 12 officers were atop this man in their attempt to subdue him. He asked why this man was dead.

Pastor Johnson asked why a thorough investigation of this

case involving these eyewitness reports had not been conducted. He asked further who had reported that live coals were hurled at the police officers. He asked if anyone from the Mayor's office or any other City leader had bothered to even contact the grieving widow and offer condolences. He continued that this was not a dangerous, violent criminal. He stated that Mr. Jordan had been reported to the police by his friends, persons who knew him, neighbors, and that they had said he was acting strange and displaying behavior uncharacteristic of him. He stated that these persons also wanted to know why he was dead.

Pastor Johnson stated that an autopsy might give them an answer, but that body cameras could have kept the Police Department from this ongoing darkening cloud of suspicion and mistrust.

Pastor Johnson stated that because of these aforementioned situations, they were renewing their efforts to gain citizens' signatures petitioning City leaders to expedite the deployment of body cameras. He stated that North Huntsville citizens believed that the Mayor and the Administration were discussing body cameras without developing a plan to acquire them. He stated that it was a given that based on statistics, African Americans could possibly benefit more from the use of body cameras.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Huntsville Utilities Items.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval for the purchase of 46kV insulators for the Farley Primary Substation (PR 10184270) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-409)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval for the purchase of uniforms for the Gas and Water Operations Department (PR 10184532) (Utilities: Gas and Water), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-410)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution authorizing the redemption of the Natural Gas Revenue Warrants, Series 2005 (Utilities: Gas), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-411)

Councilman Showers moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Culver.

President Russell asked Mr. Joe Gehrdes of Huntsville Utilities for an explanation of the above resolution.

Mr. Gehrdes stated that this was their first opportunity

to basically pay off these warrants and avoid interest payments over the life of the warrants in the amount of \$1.618 million. He stated that this would save the gas system quite a bit of money and that they were in a position to pay off these warrants before maturity.

President Russell asked if there were any questions of Mr. Gehrdes concerning this matter.

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Board Appointment nominations.

Councilman Showers nominated Carla McAlpine-Franklin for reappointment to the Alabama Constitution Village/Historic Huntsville Depot Board, for a term to begin June 26, 2015, and expire June 26, 2018.

Councilman Showers nominated Dorothy Huston for reappointment to the Huntsville Water Utility Board, for a term to begin July 1, 2015, and expire July 1, 2018.

Councilman Showers nominated Dorothy Huston for reappointment to the Huntsville Natural Gas Utility Board, for a term to begin July 1, 2015, and expire July 1, 2018.

Councilman Kling nominated Thomas Winstead for reappointment to the Huntsville Electric Utility Board, for a term to begin July 1, 2015, and expire July 1, 2018.

President Russell nominated William H. Starnes for

reappointment to the Alabama Constitution Village/Historic Huntsville Depot Board, for a term to begin June 26, 2015, and expire June 26, 2018.

President Russell inquired as to whether there were any further nominations.

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Approval of Expenditures.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution authorizing expenditures for payment, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-412)

Councilman Showers moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell inquired of Councilman Showers as to whether there was a Finance Committee report.

Councilman Showers replied in the affirmative, and recognized Mr. Randy Taylor, Director of Finance.

Mr. Taylor stated that he could provide one revenue figure, being the sales tax for the month of May. He stated that the collections for May were only 1.1 percent higher than the previous May. He stated that if one looked at the eight months that this now represented, this put them at 3.4 percent growth for the year, for the same period as the prior year.

Mr. Taylor stated that this had brought their figure down somewhat, but it was only one month, and that they were still

optimistic that they were going to meet all their budgetary goals. He stated that he would like to explain, however, that this sort of reinforced the lack of optimism that Finance people were accused of having about the budget. He continued that it had taken only one month to reduce their year-to-date figure from 3.8 percent to 3.4 percent. He stated that this equated to a \$550,000 impact on the budget if it persisted for the remainder of the year. He stated that they certainly did not expect that to happen, but noted that sales tax was very volatile, and that since it was such a large number in the budget, a small percentage change could create a significant revenue difference. He stated that this illustrated this, but that it did not have any effect on what they hoped and thought they would do at the end of the year. He stated that they did want it to stay at 3 percent and above, of course, for the remainder of the year in order to be very confident about their goals.

Mr. Taylor stated that another thing he wanted to tell the Council was that they did plan to price the Capital Plan debt issue on the following Tuesday. He continued that he had sent an email about the need for a special meeting. He stated that they planned to price on that morning, that the date was set. He stated that this was a competitive sale, and that the nature of the sale, since there was not an underwriter involved, was such that the Council had to approve the deal on the date that it would happen so that the commitment could be made. He

continued that they would later issue the warrants.

Mr. Taylor stated that on the following Tuesday, they would have the pricing, and they would give the Council updates concerning this. He stated that they would not be able to do it until very close to the time of the Council meeting, approximately 2 p.m. He continued that they could be assured, because of the kind of sale it was, that on that day they would have gotten the absolute best price for the warrants, because it was an auction, and everybody would be bidding, basically, to buy the City's bonds on that day.

Mr. Taylor stated that the Council did need to set that meeting on the following Tuesday, noting that, of course, there was a deadline as to when this needed to be done. He stated that 2 p.m. on the following Tuesday was the planned time for this special meeting of the Council to approve the pricing for the warrants.

President Russell asked if there were any questions of Mr. Taylor.

President Russell recognized Councilman Culver.

Councilman Culver stated to Mr. Taylor that he had received his email and that he had communicated that he would not be able to attend the meeting unless it was absolutely necessary. He continued that if so, with a day's notice, he could come back to town.

Councilman Culver stated that he did have a couple of questions regarding this that he would like to ask at this

time, considering that he would not be present at the meeting on the following Tuesday unless it would be absolutely necessary.

Councilman Culver stated that he was trying to get an understanding of this. He continued that he was aware that they had done this since he had been on the Council on at least one other occasion. He stated that his question was why they were selling the debt, as opposed to going with their underwriters. He stated that he was aware that the City had a AAA bond rating, and that this was good, and that the City's debt sold good. He asked if there was a difference in the financial benefit to the City with letting competitors bid on it versus letting the City's underwriters move that same debt.

Mr. Taylor stated that that was a very good question and that it was worth a good explanation. He stated that they had attempted to price the debt with the underwriters in early April, and that they had given the Council the results of that deal. He continued that they had talked about it beforehand, and they had actually gone into the market and priced it on that day, that they had told the market they would like for them to buy the debt at certain prices, but they had not received a lot of orders, so to speak, at those prices. He continued that the underwriters had agreed to purchase the debt that was remaining unordered for a price the City thought was too high for its AAA rating. He continued that it was higher than the prices they had seen for similar deals, or as close as

they could get to similar deals, in the market, in that same general time frame. He continued that it was certainly a higher "spread," as it was called, than they had seen on any other debt they had negotiated with underwriters previously.

Mr. Taylor stated that they felt there had been a combination of factors at that time, which he had reported to the Council. He continued that it had been just before tax day, and there had been some unusual things going on in the market, where there might not have been a healthy appetite for it. He stated that it was not so much a reflection on the underwriters at that time, but they had just decided that, all things considered, that was not the day to sell the debt, so they had eased away from it.

Mr. Taylor stated that two weeks later, on April 14, they had decided to try it again, except that they had not actually priced it, that they went out and the underwriters gauged what the interest was in the market for it. He continued that they had come back with sort of the same spread, or premium, that the City would pay, which they still did not believe was reflective of the kind of pricing the City should see for its AAA rating. He stated that it actually would have contributed to higher prices in the index if they had said yes, they would do that. He stated that it would kind of raise the interest rates that AAA debt would trade at, by a very small amount.

Mr. Taylor stated that they just had not felt it was in the City's best interest to approach it at that time, for

several reasons, including what they felt like was coming back to the City in terms of an offer.

Mr. Taylor stated that they had done this twice. He stated that they had done a competitive sale once before, two years prior, at about this time of year. He stated that it was appropriate for them, as a AAA rated city, to do a mix of competitive and negotiated sales, noting that they had always intended this, that their policy, in fact, spoke to it. He stated that this was an easy, 20-year debt issue, that it was not complicated, so that it lent itself very well to a competitive sale.

Mr. Taylor stated that as far as whether or not this would price better in a negotiated sale, they knew that the price they would receive on Tuesday by this so-called "auction method" would be the absolute best price on that day. He continued that their underwriters, in fact, could be the winners of this, that they were welcome to participate. He continued that, of course, they had very credible firms that were capable of doing that. He stated that there was still a discount that was built into pricing, even on a competitive sale, and that they looked at the lowest cost to the City in terms of the interest cost over time, all things considered. He stated that the underwriters might very well participate, but just not as the City's negotiated seller of the debt.

Councilman Culver stated that his concern with this was that in looking at the underwriters, there would most likely be

only a couple of them that could afford to purchase. He continued that he believed they were looking at \$61 million. He stated that Morgan Stanley could probably afford to purchase a reasonable amount of it, and that Raymond James might be interested in some of it, but that he was not so sure about the other two firms. He continued that, in fact, he felt certain they would not be able to purchase a reasonable amount. He stated that some of the big companies out of New York might purchase it all. He stated that what he was getting at was that he did not see any of this benefitting the State of Alabama if the companies out of New York were to purchase the debt, noting that they had no real nexus with Alabama. He stated that this was his concern.

Councilman Culver stated that he certainly wanted them to do what was in the best interest of the City, even if they had to go outside of the state. He continued that he was just more partial to companies that were in Alabama. He stated that Morgan Stanley was in Alabama, although they were headquartered elsewhere. He continued that some of the other companies were just indigenous to Alabama, and that it would certainly benefit the State if they could participate in this.

Mr. Taylor stated that he understood this. He stated that even with a negotiated sale, they expected every underwriter to participate in the bonds, but that the participation had varied over the course of the negotiated deals they had done. He stated that Morgan Stanley was a Wall Street New York firm, and

that Raymond James was a regional national firm, as well. He stated that, typically, because they were larger, they tended to derive most of the benefit, as an underwriter, from a negotiated sale.

Mr. Taylor stated that their No. 1 priority was to obtain the absolute lowest interest cost for the City, and that they would do that however they could, because that was millions. He stated that the up-front cost on a deal of this size would be in the \$600,000 range, or less, perhaps even half of that. He stated that their No. 1 goal was to reduce the millions they paid in interest over a 20-year period, noting that they did this by driving the interest rates down, or selling their debt to the people who had offered the City the best deal.

Mr. Taylor stated that sometimes a negotiated sale was clearly the best way to go, especially when it was complicated, and the City needed the underwriters to be in front of them all the way into the market. He stated that the City certainly valued who they were, but that for various reasons, which he had explained, and having attempted it twice, it was just not the right time for them to do this a third time. He stated that that would be very unusual. He stated that it had been two months, and that a competitive sale was the best way for the City to go. He reiterated that the underwriters could participate, noting that they often participated in syndication, that they bid as groups. He continued that they might not see all the firms involved, but that there could be

smaller firms involved even in a competitive sale.

Councilman Culver stated that Mr. Taylor and his team were doing an outstanding job and that the Council certainly appreciated that.

President Russell asked Councilman Showers if he had anything else from the Finance Committee.

Councilman Showers replied in the negative.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that he would like to ask a question of Mr. Taylor concerning what Councilman Culver had been talking about. He asked if there was any way that some mechanism could be worked out to provide assistance for local companies, which he noted could be defined as being in the city, or maybe even in the state. He stated that he was aware that when the City purchased something such as brake pads, and they would have two companies that had the same price, with one being from Nashville, Tennessee, and the other from Huntsville, Alabama, they had a process where he believed the Huntsville firm got a 3 percent price break compared to out-of-town firms.

Mr. Taylor stated that they were allowed to consider a 3 percent.

Councilman Kling stated that he had just been using that as an example. He asked if there was a way in the future that something could be done concerning this locally. He stated that he was aware that they were talking about big bucks, but asked if there was a way that perhaps something could be done

at the same time in order to give a little bit of a break to local Alabama firms, Huntsville firms, or whatever. He stated that it seemed like that would just be in the same spirit of what they did with the bid list.

Mr. Taylor stated to Councilman Kling that he did not know exactly how they would do that. He stated that their goal was, of course, to get the lowest price, and that they certainly would not want to pay a premium to a company to service it just because they were local.

Councilman Kling stated that he believed this was something worth looking into.

Mr. Taylor stated that all the firms in their syndication were Alabama firms, and that they certainly would not give a discount to an Alabama bidder in a competitive sale. He reiterated that they were all Alabama firms. He continued that there were only two that were national firms, Morgan Stanley and Raymond James.

Councilman Kling stated that he would just like to see if there was some way something could be done, similar to what they did with bids.

Mr. Taylor stated that they did not actually pay more in a bidding sense, that they did not pay more for those, but that as long as the local vendors were within a certain percentage window, they were allowed to consider them differently.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion of this matter.

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Communications from the Mayor.

President Russell asked Mr. Hamilton if he had anything on behalf of Mayor Battle.

Mr. Hamilton stated that he would like to announce, on behalf of Mayor Battle, the appointment of Mimi Pothoff to the City Tree Commission, for a partial term to expire June 15, 2016.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Communications from Council members.

President Russell recognized Councilman Culver.

Councilman Culver congratulated Councilman Showers on his recent town hall meeting, noting that it had gone well, as always.

Councilman Culver stated to Councilwoman Robinson that he was looking forward to attending one of her town hall meetings.

Councilman Culver stated that he assumed Joy McKee was sitting in for Mr. Hatfield.

President Russell stated that Jackie Burgreen, Manager of Street/Drainage Maintenance, Public Works, was present.

Mr. Burgreen appeared at the microphone.

Councilman Culver stated that he had an issue with a ditch by the swimming pool in Sherwood Park. He stated that this address was 518 Forrest Park. He stated that the ditch, however, was near Marsh Avenue. He stated that the ditch

needed to be dredged or cleaned. He continued that, also, there was serious erosion, that there was a utility pole that was about to fall perhaps. He stated that he was hoping they could clean the ditch, and, ideally, if it could be concreted, noting that he was aware this was very costly. He continued that, alternatively, they could perhaps look at putting some rocks or something there to thwart the erosion. He stated that he would certainly defer to Mr. Burgreen and his team, because they were the experts on such matters.

Mr. Burgreen stated that he would get someone on this on the following morning.

Councilman Culver thanked Mr. Burgreen for his help, as always.

Councilman Culver asked Mr. Ken Benion to come to the microphone.

Mr. Benion appeared at the microphone.

Councilman Culver stated that 4101 Northington Drive ran off of University Drive just west of Jordan Lane, by Regions Bank. He continued that there was an abandoned house at that location. He stated that he had photographs that he was going to attempt to send to Mr. Benion's email.

Mr. Benion stated that he was familiar with the house, that it was a problem every year. He stated that they had written up the house several times, and that ultimately they would most likely end up cutting the grass. He continued that the owner, or the heir to the property, had actually died, so

it was the person who paid the taxes on the property. He stated that he would put it on the work order list to get the grass cut.

Mr. Benion stated that he knew the lady who lived next door to this property. He continued that this was just one of those problems they had to deal with on a continual basis.

Councilman Culver stated the property of the lady next door was immaculate.

Mr. Benion stated that he had been out to visit this lady.

Councilman Culver stated that there was also garbage and debris at this location.

Mr. Benion stated that there was a situation where homeless people went in. He stated that they would check to make sure that it was boarded and secured, and would also get the grass cut.

Councilman Culver thanked Mr. Benion.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that Mr. Benion did a great job. He stated that he did not have any addresses at this time, that he had already given him plenty of addresses in the prior two weeks. He stated that every time he had sent something to Mr. Benion, he had had persons go out and look at the situation and do whatever could be done, fairly and objectively. He continued that the complaining person who had contacted him might not like the final result, but that Mr. Benion had always been very fair and thorough in his work. He stated that

recently Mr. Benion had gone over to the Rocket View neighborhood, and he believed 16 properties were cited. He continued that it would take awhile, but that those issues would get resolved. He stated that Mr. Benion's department was especially important in the city. He stated that he was sure the other Council members also appreciated his good work.

Mr. Benion thanked Councilman Kling, noting that credit had to be given to the staff.

Councilman Kling stated that it was a good staff and a great leader.

Councilman Kling stated that he had contacted Mr. Joffrion earlier in the week after he had passed by the Kildare House. He stated that it appeared that no progress had been made on the fence, and that he believed the deadline for that was supposed to have been April. He stated that they were all in agreement, that they all wanted the house to be preserved, and they wanted the items in the house to stay in the house, that they loved the preservation, et cetera.

Councilman Kling stated to Mr. Joffrion that he just wanted to find out where they were on this issue, what the problem was, or what needed to be done, given that the deadline had already passed on the fence.

Councilman Kling stated that he had taken a photograph of the house, and that the house looked great, that it was the fence that had some issues. He continued that he knew this was not what they were originally expecting.

Mr. Joffrion stated that he had contacted the attorney for the owner of the house approximately a week or 10 days prior, and that the attorney had communicated with the owner. He continued that the owner had professed some difficulties in being able to handle it financially but promised to have all the work done by July 1, if the City would be willing to wait until July 1. He stated that he had agreed to allow that to occur before he would bring anything before the Council for consideration, in terms of reconsideration of the agreement.

Mr. Joffrion stated that if the Council would like for him to do otherwise than that, he would be happy to do so. He stated that he was not sure they could put any further pressure on this matter until July 1.

Councilman Kling reiterated that he believed they were all in agreement that they wanted the house to be preserved, and they wanted the fence to be up for the residents of the neighborhood, et cetera. He stated to Mr. Joffrion that he appreciated his following up on that.

Councilman Kling stated to Mr. Joffrion that he had sent an email to the Council members and asked if he was going to give the Council a briefing concerning the Open Meeting Law. He stated that it was his understanding that they could not do as they had done in the past regarding this.

Mr. Joffrion stated that there would be some changes. He stated that, fortunately, the Council had acted in a manner that was consistent with the changes that had been adopted by

the Legislature. He continued that he did not believe they would see any radical changes, although there would be some. He stated that he did intend to have a briefing for the Council on this matter.

Mr. Joffrion stated that he was not sure if the Governor had signed this bill, but his signing of the bill was anticipated sometime during the month of June, which he noted would make the bill effective on September 1 of the current year. He stated that it would not become effective before then, and that most probably it would be September 1. He stated that within the next week, he would hopefully have a brief memo for the Council members outlining these changes. He stated that he believed the League of Municipalities was also in the process of preparing a similar briefing, but that he would like to go ahead and get something in their hands. He stated that he did have a hard copy at this time for each Council member of this law, if they did not have a copy and would like one. He stated that they could kind of read through it and discern for themselves what changes might have been made.

Councilman Kling asked Mr. Joffrion if he felt he could do something for them publicly on this matter.

President Russell stated that they were going to have a work session, that they had already been working on this. He continued that if not, they would do it at a regular Council meeting. He stated that Mr. Joffrion was going to go through

the law, they were going to get the League of Municipalities document, and then they would schedule a hearing. He stated that they could do this either way the Council wanted it, at a work session or at a regular City Council meeting.

Councilman Kling stated that he believed one of the televised meetings would be better, so that the public would have access to this. He stated that this was a big splash, and they would learn what it was and what they could do.

Councilman Kling stated to Mr. Burgreen that there were four streets in his district that he would like to see if they could take a look at. He stated that he could email the list to Mr. Burgreen or to Mr. Hatfield. He stated that the streets were Morgan, Sewanee, Stanford, and Queensbury. He inquired as to the best way to get this to them, if it should go to Mr. Burgreen or to Mr. Hatfield.

Mr. Burgreen stated that it should go to Mr. Hatfield and stated that he would relay the message to him, so that they could check this out.

Councilman Kling stated that they all looked like they were pretty torn up.

Councilman Kling stated that he would be having his monthly town meeting on the following Monday evening, at 7 p.m. at the Library. He stated that Councilman Culver was certainly welcome to attend this meeting. He stated that it was very informal and that they would basically just talk about what the public wanted to talk about.

President Russell recognized Councilman Showers.

Councilman Showers stated that he was delighted to report at this time that he had had his quarterly town meeting on the past Tuesday, and that it had been very well attended. He thanked the Mayor and the administrative team that had been available and had answered all the questions that had been asked. He stated that, of course, they felt like the meeting had been very fruitful, noting that information had been given out. He thanked all the persons who had attended this meeting.

Councilman Showers stated that on the past Wednesday, the North Huntsville Business Association had met, and that, again, they had had an opportunity to portray North Huntsville in a very positive way. He stated that Ms. Michelle Jordan, Director of Planning, was in attendance at the meeting and had given a good overview on how they were going to enhance the businesses in North Huntsville. He continued that Ms. Jordan had put together an opportunity to generate the identity of all the businesses in North Huntsville, that she was planning for an opportunity to bring those together. He continued that they had had bankers at the meeting, as well as developers, and concerned citizens, who were interested in seeing North Huntsville come forward.

Councilman Showers asked if Ms. Jordan was present at the meeting.

Ms. Jordan appeared at the microphone.

Councilman Showers stated to Ms. Jordan that at the prior

Council meeting, the Council had approved the naming of Dr. Joseph Lowery Boulevard, a street that would come off Governors Drive and go into the Twickenham District. He asked if she had the sign with her at this time.

Ms. Jordan replied in the negative, stating that she had not brought it down. She stated that she would make sure she brought it to the next Council meeting, noting that it was ready. She stated that she had had the opportunity to show it to Councilman Showers, that he was the first person who had seen it, other than persons who saw her bringing it into City Hall. She stated that she was really excited about this, and that she wanted to thank Traffic Engineering for getting the sign ready for the celebration for Dr. Lowery that she was aware Councilman Showers was planning.

Councilman Showers stated that that was correct. He continued that he was in touch with the family, noting that they resided in Atlanta. He stated that they were going to bring Dr. Lowery to the city for the dedication. He stated that they would let the public know when this was going to occur.

Councilman Showers stated that on the following day, he would be attending an Eagle Scout ceremony, at the Herbert Farrar, Jr. Scout Hut, at 426 Dallas Avenue. He stated that he would be presenting a certificate to the young man that would be made an Eagle Scout.

Councilman Showers stated that Tennessee State University,

on June 12 through June 14, would have their National Alumni Association Southeast Regional Conference in Huntsville. He stated that there would be a luncheon, and that he would be presenting a resolution at the luncheon, at the Marriot, on the following Saturday, on behalf of the Mayor and the Council members.

Councilman Showers stated that on the following Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m., the 18th Annual Kappa Scholarship Golf Tournament would be held at the Huntsville Municipal Golf Course.

Councilman Showers stated that earlier there had been a resolution concerning Howard J. Foster and noted that he was going to be recognized at McNair Junior High School, and stated that at that time he would present the resolution to him.

Councilman Showers stated that on June 19th, the Athletic Booster Club Anniversary Banquet would be held at the Huntsville Country Club, at the corner of Pulaski Pike and Oakwood Avenue.

Councilman Showers stated that on that same day, the James Strong Seventh Annual Scholarship Banquet would be held at the Knight Center at Alabama A&M University.

Councilman Showers stated that on Saturday, June 20, a new business would be coming to North Huntsville, that the Evora ribbon-cutting would be held at 4950 North Parkway. He continued that they were excited about this.

Councilman Showers stated that a young lady who had meant

so much to the City Council, Pearlie Stamper, would be having her retirement reception on Sunday, June 21, at the Westin Hotel. He stated that he would be bringing greetings and presenting the resolution on behalf of the Mayor and the Council members. He stated that all of them were invited, and that he knew Pearlie would be delighted to have them present. He stated that Ms. Stamper had served 32 years in the City, with 25 of those years being with the Council.

President Russell recognized Councilwoman Robinson.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that she wanted to extend her thanks to everyone who had participated in the cleanup of Ditto Landing on the prior Saturday. She stated that they had had a tremendous turnout, including Boy Scout troops, Cub Scout troops, ROTC units, the Rotary Club of Greater Huntsville, and just a lot of people from the community. She stated that it was a great effort in which to involve the community, noting that people had painted, pressure washed, cut grass, picked up trash, et cetera. She stated that it looked so much better for the time they had spent there. She stated that she wanted to especially thank Joy McKee for her efforts in this regard.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that the ideas for Ditto were wonderful, and that she was looking forward to making sure they happened.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that the event had gone so well and that everyone was so excited about the work that was accomplished that they were going to do this again in October.

She stated that persons should stay tuned for this. She continued that Ditto belonged to all the citizens, and stated that they would love to see everyone from the community join them for this event.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that during the week, they had had the monthly meeting of the South Huntsville Business Association. She stated that this was a working meeting, in which the Steering Committee presented their plan going forward. She stated that this committee was being led by David Martin, the owner of Rosie's on South Parkway. She stated that this committee was working together to create white papers to recruit businesses to join them in this effort. She stated that one of the things that had come out of this group was the decision to create a Bailey Cove Working Group, because the issues of the South Parkway businesses and the Bailey Cove businesses were sometimes different, their challenges were different. She continued that Nick Mikus was going to lead the Bailey Cove Working Group, to work within the Steering Committee to see that the needs of those businesses were met.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that the next meeting of the South Huntsville Business Association would be on July 14 at 3 p.m. at 600 Main Street South, in the Hub Conference meeting room. She stated that she wanted to make this public because at that time the main effort of the Steering Committee was going to be recruitment of businesses. She stated that if

anyone owned a business in South Huntsville, in the Bailey Cove area or the South Parkway area, or elsewhere, including home businesses, they would love to have everyone get together and work with them.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that she wanted to offer a special thanks to Harrison Diamond and Gail Phillips for their efforts, that everything she had asked them to do, they had done, that they were very willing to help, and there was tremendous support there.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that a couple of weeks prior, she had attended the graduation of her son-in-law from the Police Academy in Tucson, Arizona, noting that it was a very moving occasion, because it made her very aware of the tremendous sacrifice made by those young men and women, who literally laid their lives on the line for the community, and also the sacrifice their families made. She stated that she had seen her daughter go through a lot of heartache as her husband had been going through this training and the reality of their sacrifice had come to her.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that she wanted to publicly thank those persons who formed what she had learned to call "The Thin Blue Line," which separated society as persons knew it from chaos. She continued that it was a tremendous sacrifice that these persons made. She asked if there were bad examples, and replied in the positive. She continued that the reason they were pointed to was because they were the

exception. She stated that they should be investigated, and that this needed to be dealt with. She continued that the remainder of these persons deserved persons' thanks and their respect.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that she also wanted to again express her desire to see them look at body cameras, and to do it right, because they would protect those stakeholders.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that the work the Phoenix Police Department was doing was involving interested community members to participate in the use of force training, the same use of force training that the officers went through, where they could personally experience the 10 decision points that officers had to go through in their decision to use force in a situation. She stated that this apparently had been a very effective program, and that she believed it might be something worth looking into for the City.

President Russell stated that, as Mr. Taylor had mentioned earlier, they planned to call a Special Session of the City Council on the following Tuesday, June 16, at 2 p.m., to consider the bond issue. He stated that he was aware that Councilman Culver's schedule was such that he would not be able to attend this meeting. He asked Councilman Kling if he was planning to be at the meeting.

Councilman Kling replied in the affirmative.

President Russell asked Councilwoman Robinson if she planned to be at the meeting.

Councilwoman Robinson replied in the affirmative.

President Russell asked Councilman Showers if he planned to be in attendance at the meeting.

Councilman Showers stated that he would be out of town on that date.

President Russell stated that he would need Councilman Kling, Councilwoman Robinson, and himself to be present at the meeting.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was New Business Items for Introduction.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 15-413, annexing land lying on the north side of Capshaw Road and on the east side of Autumn Branch Drive.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 15-414, amending Chapter 8, Article IV, Vehicles for Hire, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville.

President Russell asked Mr. Tommy Brown, Director of Parking and Public Transit, to address this item so that the public would understand it.

Mr. Brown stated that a couple of months prior, they had brought an ordinance to the Council changing the Vehicles for Hire Ordinance to allow transportation network vehicles and several other types of transportation in the city of Huntsville. He stated that since that time they had done some extensive research on other cities' ordinances, including his department, the Legal Department, and Administration, to look

for uniquenesses in those ordinances and to fine tune the City's ordinance relative to transportation network vehicles.

Mr. Brown stated that the changes they were requesting were sort of straight line, particularly as it related to background checks, vehicle inspections, and the permitting process. He stated that it would authorize the company to do some of this work, and then it would be sent to the Police Department for approval. He stated that vehicle inspections would be done by the company, and that they would also have approval for that. He continued that this would make the permitting process a little easier, that it would streamline the process.

Mr. Brown stated that this was a very broad explanation of the ordinance.

President Russell asked if Mr. Brown would be able to discuss this at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Brown replied in the affirmative.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 15-415, amending Section 15-85 (80) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 15-416, amending Section 22-1 and Section 22-39 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville.

Councilman Kling asked if Mr. Joffrion could explain what was being done in the above ordinance, which he noted pertained to the handbills they had discussed at the prior two meetings.

He asked that he specifically discuss Section E, or just the ordinance in general.

Mr. Joffrion stated that Councilman Kling had requested that they go back and take a look at their Solid Waste ordinances to address the distribution of what some people considered litter, which was mostly newspaper circulars that were not solicited by the property owners. He stated that they had made some amendments to sections of the Solid Waste ordinance to make stricter the enforcement of those provisions, and to make it unlawful to distribute those kinds of materials. He stated that this did not include materials that could be distributed by the elements, because those kinds of materials had always been illegal. He stated that it would include such things as circulars that would land in a driveway and stay there for some period of time. He continued that it would make this unlawful if someone's property was posted that they did not want to be solicited. He stated that there were various ways that persons could post their property and various language they could use, as outlined in the ordinance.

Mr. Joffrion stated that the penalties for such violations would be the same penalties that they had for other violations, noting that on the first offense, it would be a \$100 fine; on the second offense, a \$200 fine; and on the third and subsequent offenses, a \$500 fine.

Mr. Joffrion stated that there were a few other minor changes included, noting that he was not sure how much more

detail Councilman Kling would like.

Councilman Kling asked that he discuss the property owner who would get these things in their driveway and what process that person would have to go through to let it be known that they wanted to opt out of this.

Mr. Joffrion stated that, as he had said, persons could post their property, that they could post a notice on their property, "No Solicitations," "No Trespassing," et cetera. He stated that the ordinance specified several different ways they could do this, and the language they could use. He continued that if it was posted, it would be unlawful for someone to distribute in violation of that. He stated that persons could also make personal contact with a particular company and let them know they did not want to be solicited. He stated that if that was the case, again, it would be unlawful to distribute.

Mr. Joffrion stated that there were vacant properties all over the city where these kinds of circulars piled up, and stated that if it was clear that a property was vacant and unoccupied, it would be unlawful to distribute these items to those properties, as well.

President Russell recognized Councilman Showers.

Councilman Showers asked if the Chief of Police was present at the meeting, or a representative.

President Russell asked Councilman Showers if he wanted to do that at this time or to continue through the agenda.

Councilman Showers stated that it did not matter to him.

President Russell asked Mr. Hamilton to find someone, and stated that they would continue with the agenda.

Councilman Showers stated that his question was about the cameras that were at some intersections. He stated that he kept seeing these at certain intersections, but not at all intersections. He stated that what he wanted to ask Chief Morris was if the City was officially going to those cameras.

President Russell stated that these had been used for years, but that they were not used to give tickets. He stated that there had always been sensors there to notice when the traffic got there, but that they were not taking pictures and were not being used for citations.

Councilman Showers stated that to him these were cameras, and that he just wanted to ask if they were in a trial phase at this time. He stated that he needed someone from the Police Department to verify the status of the cameras that were at some designated intersections.

Mr. Hamilton stated to Councilman Showers that he believed Mr. Dan Sanders of Traffic Engineering could best answer the question. He stated that the cameras that he was discussing were actually used for traffic control, that they were not used for policing purposes.

Mr. Sanders stated that the cameras were strictly for detection of vehicles at certain traffic lights. He stated that, in fact, they did not really use them anymore. He

continued that they had started to use them approximately 10 years prior, but they had found they had a lot of problems with them, including fog problems. He stated that they did not have the ability to later go back and monitor anything with them, that they did not record anything.

Councilman Showers stated that the cameras that he was referring to had been recently erected, that they had not had them previously, that they had just started appearing in the past year, or less, at some intersections.

Councilman Showers asked Mr. Hamilton if they could have this checked out.

Mr. Hamilton replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Sanders stated that he now knew what Councilman Showers was referring to, and stated that there were a couple of cameras they had recently installed, perhaps over the last year or year and a half or so, at select locations, to try out some different technology for monitoring traffic. He stated that they were not using them throughout the city as of yet, that there were only a couple of them out there, unless Councilman Showers was seeing a lot more than he was aware of.

Councilman Showers stated that there were about three in the North part of the city, at key intersections.

Mr. Sanders reiterated that they were not using them in terms of policy or anything, that they were still investigating some technologies, different types of cameras, to see what kind of resolution they were going to have. He stated that in the

future, they would like to be able to monitor traffic problems at certain key intersections, for example, along State routes, and that sort of thing, where they did have traffic problems. He stated that at this time they were not using them for that purpose. He reiterated that they were trying out some different technologies, and stated that perhaps those were the ones Councilman Showers had seen. He continued that he could not tell him exactly where they were at this time.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was New Business Items for Consideration or Action.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a cooperative agreement between the City of Huntsville, dba Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency, and the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, for Emergency Management Performance Grant (4 EMS), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-417)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell moved for approval of a request for authorization to advertise and fill one (1) Landscape Maintenance Worker position, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously approved.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to the

Cooperative Services Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Wildlife Services, Resolution No. 15-103, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-418)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with the low bidders as specified in the attached Summary of Bids for Acceptance, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-419)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced an ordinance to amend Budget Ordinance No. 14-665 by changing appropriated funding for various departments and funds, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 15-420)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-421)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the State of Alabama Department of Transportation for the Complete Removal of Overhead School Flashers and Signs at the following locations: AL-53 at 700 feet west of 14th Street and AL-53 at 105 feet east of 13th Street, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-422)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings to acquire rights-of-way, utility and drainage easements, and temporary construction easements on, over, across, and upon certain tracts of land for the Martin Road Widening Project, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-423)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to invoke National Bank of Commerce Letter of Credit No. 400957400 for Lanier Lake

Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-424)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to invoke BB&T Bank Letter of Credit No. 9641679078 0003 for Lendon Phase 1 in Jones Valley Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-425)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to invoke BB&T Bank Letter of Credit No. 9641679078 0004 for Lendon Phase 1 in Jones Valley Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-426)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to invoke BB&T Bank Letter of Credit No. 9641679078 0005 for Lendon Phase I in Jones Valley Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-427)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the claim of Antonio Youngblood, a minor, by and through his mother, Keyunda Seay, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-428)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings to obtain fee simple title to certain parcels of property for the Greenbrier Parkway Phase III-C Project, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-429)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Ground Landlord's Estoppel Certificate between the City of Huntsville and Avenue Huntsville, LLLP, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-430)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling

and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Sublett Farms, Inc., for the lease of property in North Huntsville Industrial Park, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-431)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and the low bidder, Reed Contracting Services, Inc., for Highway 72 West and Watercress Boulevard Turn Lane Improvements, Project No. 65-14-SP40, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-432)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a License Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Bice Farms, Inc., for the Lease of Farm Land located in the vicinity of Moores Mill Road at Vintage Park Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-433)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling

and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Renewal Land Lease Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Alan Wade Murphy and Kathleen Murphy for the Lease of Farm Land in the vicinity of the Western Area Treatment Plant, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-434)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and the low bidder, Reed Contracting Services, Inc., for Sparkman Drive Turn Lane, Project No. 65-15-TI02, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-435)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced an ordinance declaring certain equipment surplus and to be sold at auction, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 15-436)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell moved for approval of a request for authorization to advertise and fill the budgeted vacant positions of Water Pollution Control Operator II, Grade 11, at higher than minimum if necessary, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously approved.

President Russell moved for approval of a request for authorization to advertise and fill the budgeted vacant positions of Water Pollution Control Operator III, Grade 13, at higher than minimum if necessary, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling and was unanimously approved.

Councilman Kling read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Consulting Agreement between the City of Huntsville and James Ssemambo, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-437)

Councilman Kling moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Culver.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling inquired as to what this position would be.

Ms. Joy McKee, Director of Landscape Management, stated that this was an educational position, that he would do programs at Hays Nature Preserve. She stated that the actual amount of the contract was \$21,141 and that it would run through December of 2015.

President Russell asked if there was any further

discussion of the above resolution.

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to terminate the agreement between the City of Huntsville and Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corporation for the refurbishment of a 1989 Grumman Ladder Truck, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-438)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Culver.

President Russell asked Mr. Joffrion for an explanation of the above resolution.

Mr. Joffrion stated that several years prior the Council had contracted with KME, Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corporation, to basically refurbish a ladder truck by taking an old frame from a 1989 fire truck and putting on a new ladder and making it a functional ladder truck again. He stated that there had been considerable difficulties in getting this accomplished in a way that was suitable to the City of Huntsville. He continued that this had not been done correctly, and that the City just wanted to walk away. He stated that the City had not paid the company any money, so all monies that had been budgeted for this had been preserved. He stated that there was

no useful life of the equipment, as he understood it, so the City would not be losing anything of value with regard to the equipment, that they would just simply walk out of the contract.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion concerning this resolution.

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Ground Lease between the City of Huntsville and Cabela's Wholesale, Inc., as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-439)

Councilman Showers moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked Mr. Joffrion for an explanation of the above resolution.

Mr. Joffrion stated that this involved a very small piece of land on property that was purchased by the City of Huntsville, for use in connection with greenway parking, he believed. He continued that Huntsville Utilities either had or would have some infrastructure on this property. He stated that this 20 by 50 foot plot of land would be used for a pylon sign for the new Cabela's, out close to Bridge Street. He stated that lease value was \$100 per month, or \$1200 per

year, which he noted was very fair value for this tiny piece of property on land which really could not be built upon.

President Russell asked Mr. Shane Davis, Director of Urban Development, if he had any comments to add to this.

Mr. Davis replied in the negative, stating, however, that he would answer any questions the Council members might have.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion of this resolution.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that his question was concerning how they had come up with the figure of \$100 per month, noting that it was a pretty good location, and it seemed to him that it was a pretty low price.

Mr. Davis stated that that was a very good question. He stated that they had taken the value they had purchased the property for utility use for, being a pump station and utility booster station that was under construction, and the future greenway that Mr. Joffrion had mentioned, and had gotten it to a price per square foot, and then derived what value that would be percentagewise on a lease. He continued that this had come out to be only \$38, but they had run it up to \$100, so that it was a very good rate.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion of the above resolution.

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on the above

resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and OMI, Inc., for Phase II Environmental Testing Services for Old Huntsville Foundry, Project No. 65-15-SP46, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-440)

Councilman Showers moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked Mr. Davis for an explanation of the above resolution.

Mr. Davis stated that Kathy Martin was out of town, and that he would take care of this item for her. He stated that there was a property owner who owned the old foundry, near Green Cove Road and the Parkway, and the property owner had offered to donate this to the City. He stated that they felt it had value for the City, both for the sewer treatment plant and possibly to redevelop it to create some jobs. He stated that before they accepted any property, they wanted to do some due diligence to make sure there were no underlying environmental concerns with the property. He continued that that was what the resolution before the Council would do, prior to their making a final decision to bring forward to the Council whether they would accept this property as a donation.

President Russell asked if there was any further

discussion of the above resolution.

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Legal Department Items/Transactions.

Mr. Joffrion submitted the following deeds for approval:

(DEEDS)

Whereupon, President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing deeds, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously approved.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Non-Roster Communications from the Public. He stated that persons should go to the microphone and state their name and address for the record, noting that they would have three minutes to address the Council.

Ms. Jackie Reed again appeared before the Council, stating that she wanted to thank Councilman Showers for a very informative meeting and for allowing her to be a part of it. She stated that she had learned more at that meeting than she had in the past 30 years attending Council meetings, that it had been very informative. She stated that there were several department heads present, and that everyone was speaking positive, and she had learned what was supposedly going to happen in the city.

Ms. Reed stated that she had seen in the newspaper where

the Historic District had added more property to the district, 39 additional houses. She stated that she certainly hoped she never got caught up in one of those historic areas, noting that she knew a man who could not even get his house torn down. She stated that she did not know if persons had to sign up for these things or they just got caught up in them, or how they made their decisions, but that was something she would like to look into at some time. She stated that she did not want her family to ever get caught up in that, because it was pretty serious business.

Ms. Reed asked that they get Bob Wallace cleaned up so she could drive up and down it twice a day.

Ms. Reed stated that she was concerned about some of the real estate deals she heard coming up. She stated that she understood they were being given a piece of property, but they were going to spend some money on it before they accepted it. She stated that she questioned a lot of the real estate deals that were going on.

Mr. Richard Best again appeared before the Council, stating that his questions at this time were more into what was going on with the new appointed Southern Light and what was going on with Mayor Battle's fiber optics situation. He stated that he had not seen anything out of Southern Light that had said they were going ahead with anything right at this moment.

Mr. Best stated that he would wait until Mayor Battle returned so he could answer some of these questions because

they were in his prerogative.

Mr. Best stated that what he planned to do was to meet with each of the Council members and go over what was being planned in this regard, so that they would know what was going on. He continued that he did not know what was going on.

Mr. Best stated that he had been in the city 30 years, noting that he had originally come for TVA, with an engineering firm. He stated that he had found the city a beautiful place to be. He stated that lately he had been seeing all the good things that President Russell was doing and how he was working with it. He stated that an item like this was at this time a way to do things, but that they had to have the Council members knowing exactly what was going on. He continued that at this time he did not see that.

Mr. Best stated that he had moderated some of his questions because they were mostly for Mayor Battle to really give a firm answer as to what was going on. He stated that one question was if all the fiber optics should be underground, and, also, should they entertain the fact that the whole city needed to change because a lot of this stuff was, he would say, archaic.

President Russell stated that the Administration had a request for information out to many companies, but they had not gotten these plans back and finalized all of them. He continued that they would do that.

President Russell stated that Southern Light was a private

company that was using the City's infrastructure, that it was a private company and the City had no expense with them.

Mr. Joffrion stated that that was correct. He continued that Southern Light was simply granted the right by the Council to use the public right-of-way for whatever infrastructure they might choose to install. He stated that this was at no cost to the City, and that it was independent of Mayor Battle's fiber optics initiative.

Mr. Best stated that he had not been aware of that and thanked Mr. Joffrion for his comments.

Councilman Culver stated that he believed Mr. Diamond could most likely comment on this.

President Russell stated that Mr. Diamond had met with Mr. Best, and that he had also met with Mr. Best, and they had gone over this. He continued that they would answer his questions any time he wanted to ask them.

Dr. Clarence Johnson again appeared before the Council, stating that he had served 20 years active duty in the US Army before retiring and that "Protect and Serve" had a special meaning to him also. He stated that he agreed with and encouraged the sentiment of Councilwoman Robinson's conclusion after the graduation about what law enforcement went through by way of training. He stated that the call for body cameras was only one part of community and police relations.

Dr. Johnson stated that North Huntsville Community United For Action understood that it was on their part to educate the

people in their communities about law enforcement and their value. He stated that one of the things they were doing, and that he had been working on, was putting together the rights of individuals who were stopped by law enforcement. He continued that in conjunction with teaching persons their rights, they would also inform them to make sure they were not the ones to escalate any hostility, to just submit to an officer, and that then if they felt their rights were violated, to report it to the Internal Affairs office.

Dr. Johnson stated that it took a community effort, along with law enforcement, to come to a point where both community and law enforcement had a very agreeable and healthy relationship. He stated that this was the idea of the North Huntsville Community United for Action.

Dr. Johnson stated that there was a community in Los Angeles where the police chief, who had come in office, he believed, in 2006, had changed the mindset and attitude of law enforcement, and thereby impacted the community, so much so that the community looked out for those law enforcement officers. He continued that one could find an officer playing basketball with community kids, and they could also find officers helping the elderly. He stated that this was the ideal, and that it was not beyond reach in Huntsville. He stated that they could get such a community and police relationship going on if each side, law enforcement and community members, put their best foot forward.

Dr. Johnson stated that they were asking the City to proceed with the body cameras, noting that that was an effort to bring truth to the table and dispel fears and anxieties involving law enforcement pursuing their just duties.

Dr. Johnson stated that he would like to thank the Council for hearing him on this matter, and that he also wanted to thank each of them for agreeing that body cameras were necessary. He stated that Mr. Hamilton had worked at Redstone, and that he was good at that, and that he was good with the body camera matter. He stated that that was the reason he had said to the Council that they had the right person on this. He stated that his encouragement was just to move this along.

Mr. Cydale C. Smith, 1801 Lydia Drive, appeared before the Council, stating that he would like to thank President Russell and the other Council members for supporting the resolution to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Howard J. Foster. He stated that he would like to make a few points as to why he was being honored.

Mr. Smith stated that Dr. Foster was from Gadsden, Alabama, and that he had been a 7th grade dropout. He continued that at 23 years old, Dr. Foster had gone back into the 7th grade again, and that eventually he had gone on to get his Ph.D. in solid state physics. He continued that he had started the Physics Department at Alabama A&M in 1965. He stated that he was instrumental in the first student programs to get African American students working at Redstone Arsenal,

noting that this included high school and college students. He stated that he was also instrumental in Ronald McNair, to give to MIT.

President Russell asked if there was anyone else who would like to address the Council at this time.

There was no response.

President Russell recognized Councilman Showers.

Councilman Showers stated that the City had community policing. He continued that that was why he had wanted the Chief at the meeting. He reiterated that the City of Huntsville did in fact have community policing. He asked Mr. Hamilton if he would investigate where they were with community policing in Huntsville.

Councilman Showers asked if the department heads were asked to be at the Council meetings.

Mr. Hamilton replied in the affirmative, and stated that Chief Morris was present.

Councilman Showers asked that Chief Morris come to the microphone.

Chief Morris appeared at the microphone.

Councilman Showers asked Chief Morris if he could tell the Council where they were with community policing.

Chief Morris stated that community policing was one of the staples of their program, noting that it encompassed a tremendous number of different things. He continued that it was involvement with the community. He asked what specific

information Councilman Showers was asking for.

Councilman Showers stated that he would like to know the status of the program called "Community Policing." He asked if Chief Morris remembered Chief Reuben Greenberg from Charleston, South Carolina.

Chief Morris replied in the affirmative.

Councilman Showers stated that Chief Greenberg had written a book, "Let's Take Back Our Streets." He continued that they had had Chief Greenberg come to the city, and they had organized Community Policing in Huntsville.

Councilman Showers stated that he simply wanted Chief Morris to give them an update on Community Policing, where they were with it and what they did, and how it had helped, if it was still active in the city.

Chief Morris stated that it was still active, and that it was apparent in a lot of their operations. He stated that Community Resource Officers, who handled a lot of issues in each precinct, were one of the components of Community Policing. He continued that, also, their involvement in community events, their partnership with the School System, with School Resource Officers, was a portion of Community Policing, as well as their participation in Summer Youth Camp and participation with the Boys & Girls Club, and their recent event they had had with the Huntsville Housing Authority, where they had had the mentoring. He continued that it also included the appearance of Community Resource Officers and Precinct

Commanders at Town Hall meetings. He stated that all these events were part of the philosophy of Community Policing.

Councilman Showers thanked Chief Morris for his comments. He stated that he would also like to thank him for his presence at his recent Town Hall meeting, along with several of his personnel. He stated that it was a tremendous plus to have him present and to address the citizens who had attended the meeting.

Chief Morris asked if he could comment on another matter.

President Russell replied in the affirmative.

Chief Morris stated that body cameras had been an issue and stated that this was something they were working very diligently toward. He continued that they were putting a lot of resources toward coming up with a plan to do this. He stated that just to let the Council know how evolving this was, that since they had begun discussions, the technology had changed even within that short period of time to produce products that were above the quality of the previous products. He stated that what they were trying to do in this was to find the best solution. He reiterated that it was something they were working on very diligently and stated that he believed they would be able to achieve this.

President Russell recognized Councilman Culver.

Councilman Culver stated to Mr. Hamilton that he had a comment from one of his constituents in Sherwood Park, Lisa Bradford. He stated that she was really impressed with

the "SeeClickFix." He asked that he relay that to Mayor Battle. He continued that it was a very good program, noting that his calls had certainly gone down since at this time the residents could just click it and send it in, and it would be done.

President Russell asked if there was any other business that needed to come before the Council.

There was no response.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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